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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE ON
CURRENCY REFORM HELD IN NEW YORK,
OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1913

In view of the probability that important legislation on currency and banking would be enacted by Congress during the latter part of the year 1913, it was decided by the executive committee of the Academy of Political Science in the spring of that year to devote its fall meeting to the subject of currency and banking legislation. The wide interest awakened by the conference held in 1910 led to the belief that a second meeting of the same general character would have a considerable educational value.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The following gentlemen consented to serve as a general committee for the organization of the conference:

John H. Finley, *Chairman*
Frank B. Anderson, San Francisco, Calif.
A. Piatt Andrew, jr., Boston, Mass.
Nicholas Murray Butler, New York city
John Claflin, New York city
Henry P. Davison, New York city
Davis R. Dewey, Boston, Mass.
Cleveland H. Dodge, New York city
Fred. W. Fleming, Kansas City, Mo.
A. Barton Hepburn, New York city
Henry L. Higginson, Boston, Mass.
Edmund J. James, Urbana, Ill.
Jeremiah W. Jenks, New York city
Samuel McCune Lindsay, New York city
Robert J. Lowry, Atlanta, Ga.
Henry Morgenthau, New York city
John Perrin, Pasadena, Calif.

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 Henry R. Seager, New York city
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 Frank Trumbull, New York city
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 Frank A. Vanderlip, New York city
 Henry Walters, New York city
 Paul M. Warburg, New York city
 Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago, Ill.
 H. Parker Willis, New York city

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The services of Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton University were secured as secretary, and the arrangements for the meeting and the drawing up of the program were in the hands of the following executive and program committee:

Henry P. Davison
 A. Barton Hepburn
 Joseph French Johnson
 Alexander D. Noyes
 George A. Plimpton
 Henry R. Seager
 E. R. A. Seligman
 Theodore N. Vail
 Paul M. Warburg
 H. Parker Willis

Samuel McCune Lindsay, *Chairman ex-officio*

E. W. Kemmerer, *Secretary*

Edward J. Bullwinkel

David M. Heyman

Thomas H. Watson, jr.

Assistant Secretaries

STATE DELEGATES APPOINTED BY GOVERNORS

The following delegates were appointed by the governors of the states named :

Delaware.—John S. Rossell, L. Scott Townsend, Sylvester D. Townsend, Caleb M. Sheward, Otho Nowland and Ezekiel Cooper, Wilmington.

Iowa.—Robert J. Fleming, Des Moines; R. O. Green, Fort Dodge; J. L. Waite, Burlington; Geo. W. French, Davenport; Ben Bear, Decorah; Geo. E. McLean, Dubuque; B. P. Holst, Boone; L. A. Hamill, Keokuk; Lee Nagle, Red Oak; Harry J. Green, Decorah; Thomas D. Foster, Ottumwa; J. H. Darrah, Chariton.

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Mississippi.—J. F. Flournoy, jr., Canton; F. W. Foote, Hattiesburg; Oscar Newton, Jackson; Walter Broach, Meridian; W. Thomas Rose, Vicksburg.

Nebraska.—P. L. Hall, Lincoln; J. H. Millard, Omaha; J. W. Wilson, Stromsburg; C. F. Gund, Blue Hill; Geo. Kingsley,

Minden; Patrick Walsh, McCook; A. L. Clarke, Hastings; J. T. Trenery, Pawnee City.

New Jersey.—Robert D. Foote and A. G. Evans, Morristown; William C. Heppenheimer, Hoboken; E. I. Edwards, Jersey City; Uzal McCarter, Newark; B. H. Minch, Bridgeton; Frank A. Fetter, Princeton.

New Mexico.—E. A. Cahoon, Roswell; M. W. Flournoy, Albuquerque; H. J. Jones, Tucumcari; John W. Harris, Las Vegas.

New York.—Ledyard Cogswell and John A. Becker, Albany; James G. Cannon, Willard V. King, J. W. Jenks, Willard D. Straight and Thomas W. Lamont, New York city; Ansley Wilcox, Buffalo; Merwin K. Hart, Utica; Pliny T. Sexton, Palmyra; Norman Mack, Buffalo; Simon Hessburg, Albany; Walter F. Willcox, Ithaca.

Pennsylvania.—Henry Tatnall, Joseph Moore, jr., Levi L. Rue, Edward M. Malpass, Richard L. Austin, Alba B. Johnson and Edward Sherwood Meade, Philadelphia.

Rhode Island.—George H. Newhall and Marsden J. Perry, Providence.

South Carolina.—Louis Appelt, Manning; D. S. Henderson, Aiken; Fred. D. Dominick, Newberry; Samuel J. Nicholls, Spartanburg; Claude N. Sapp, Lancaster; D. Gordon Baker, Florence; W. A. Stuckey, Bishopville; W. J. Talbert, Parksville; J. R. Vandiver, Anderson.

Tennessee.—Frank J. Harle, Cleveland; W. K. Armstrong, Rogersville; W. B. Greenlaw, Columbia; H. J. Bowers, Tracy City; T. J. Taylor, Martin; S. F. Thomas, Brownsville; F. M. Mayfield, Nashville.

Texas.—W. W. Collier and E. P. Wilmot, Austin; B. L. Gill, New York city; E. O. Dunlap, Waxahachie; E. O. Tennyson and J. B. Adoue, Dallas; J. S. Rice and H. M. Garwood, Houston; John Sealy, Galveston; R. L. Warren, Terrell; Sidney Webb, Bellevue; K. M. Van Zandt, J. S. Spencer, Noah Harding, Ben O. Smith, W. H. Eddleman, John Sparks, T. B. Yarbrough, E. E. Baldrige and W. B. Newby, Fort Worth.

West Virginia.—B. W. Peterson, N. B. Scott, W. B. Irvine and H. C. Ogden, Wheeling; A. B. Fleming and L. M. Davis, Fairmont; V. L. Highland, Clarksburg; A. B. White, Parkersburg; John L. Dickinson and F. M. Staunton, Charleston; C. W. Dillon, Fayetteville; J. L. Caldwell and Taylor Vinson, Huntington; Isaac T. Mann, Bramwell; S. D. Camden, Parkersburg; William E. Arnett and Blaine E. Elkins, Morgantown; W. L. Smith, jr., Chester; Wells Goodykoontz, Williamson; V. Skye Straley, Princeton; Felix Elliott, Kingwood.

Mr. John T. Manson attended as the official delegate of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to delegates and members of the Academy, many prominent bankers and students of financial affairs attended the meetings of the conference.

Five sessions were held. By the courtesy of the New York Chamber of Commerce its hall was placed at the disposal of the Academy for its meetings on October 14th, and between the sessions a luncheon was served to those in attendance.

Hon. Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, and Hon. Robert J. Bulkley of Ohio, member of the House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Currency, addressed the first session of the conference, explaining and defending the provisions of the proposed Owen-Glass bill. Hon. Carter Glass of Virginia, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Currency, who had accepted the invitation of the Academy to be present, was detained by illness. His paper was read by title, and appears elsewhere in this volume (page 12). A large number of leading New York bankers listened to these addresses.

Two sessions were held at Earl Hall, Columbia University, on October 15, and in the evening a large dinner meeting, presided over by Dr. John H. Finley, President of the College of the City of New York, was held at the Hotel Astor. The members of the House and Senate Committees on Currency and Bank-

ing were guests of honor. Professor Karl Rathgen, Kaiser Wilhelm Professor for the year 1913; Professor Josef Schumpeter, Austrian Exchange Professor in Columbia University; and Sir Courtenay Ilbert, Clerk of the House of Commons, also were present as guests of honor. The address of the evening was delivered by ex-Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, Chairman of the National Monetary Commission.

Prof. Samuel McCune Lindsay, President of the Academy, presided at the first and fourth sessions; Prof. E. W. Kemmerer, of Princeton University, at the second session; and Prof. E. R. A. Seligman at the third session. The program follows:

FIRST SESSION

Tuesday, October 14, 1913

New York Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street

THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

Address of Welcome by John Claflin, President of the Chamber

Speakers

Hon. Robert L. Owen, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Banking and Currency

Hon. Carter Glass,¹ Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Currency

Hon. Robert J. Bulkley, member of House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Currency

General discussion

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday, October 14, at three o'clock

New York Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street

¹ Address read by title.

THE CENTRALIZATION OF BANKING AND MOBILIZATION OF
RESERVES

1. Scope and Organization of the Proposed Regional Banks

H. Parker Willis

O. M. W. Sprague

A. Barton Hepburn

2. The Mobilization of Reserves

Arthur Reynolds

Discussion: Alexander D. Noyes

General Discussion

THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, October 15, at ten-thirty o'clock

Earl Hall, Columbia University

THE ELASTICITY OF CREDIT

1. The Rediscount Functions of the Proposed Regional Banks

Frank A. Vanderlip

2. The Note Issue

Joseph French Johnson

E. W. Kemmerer

Discussion: Edward L. Howe,¹ Irving T. Bush and A. Piatt
Andrew

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, October 15, at two-thirty, Earl Hall

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC EXCHANGE FUNCTIONS OF THE
REGIONAL BANKS

1. Domestic Exchange Problems

W. M. VanDeusen

Fred. I. Kent

Joseph T. Talbert

¹ Address read at afternoon session.

2. Foreign Exchange Problems

John E. Gardin

J. A. Neilson

General discussion

FIFTH SESSION—BANQUET

Wednesday evening, October 15, at Hotel Astor

BANKING REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES

Address by Honorable Nelson W. Aldrich

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